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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/10.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with information on the total number of sexual assaults recorded against staff employed by your Trust or Service in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18 to date; and can this information be listed separately for each of those years.

Please see table below showing the number of physical assaults that are sexually aggravated incidents. Unfortunately, we do not hold any data prior to 2015

Financial Year	Incidents
2015-16	10
2016-17	9
2017-18*	20

*This data is up to 20th March 2018

If the information is readily held, please could you also list the number of (a) declared criminal sanctions, and (b) declared civil and administrative sanctions that were applied in response to sexual assaults committed against your Trust's staff in each of those years.

Please see table below:

Financial Year	Criminal Sanctions	Civil Sanctions
2015-16	0	3
2016-17	3	7
2017-18*	0	10

*This data is up to 20th March 2018

Please note that some cases may be ongoing so final data on sanctions may not be identified until some point in Q1 2018/19 once all liaisons with staff victims / police / courts has concluded

Our Trust views assaults against its staff very seriously. Our Local Security Management Specialist actively promotes awareness of our zero-tolerance stance with regard to assaults on staff and encourages staff to report incidents.

The Trust also ensures that our operational staff are provided with conflict resolution training to minimise the risks of assaults.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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